## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION	§ §	No. 12-md-2323 (AB)
INJURY LITIGATION	\$ 8	MDL No. 2323
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:	§ §	IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-	§	LEAGUE PLAYERS'
Form Complaint and	§	CONCUSSION INJURY
	§	LITIGATION
LEE ROY JORDAN, ET AL	§	
	§	
V.	§	
	§	
THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	§	
USDC, SDTX NO. 4:12-cv-01296	§	
USDC, EDPA NO. 12-2802	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Form Complaint and LEE ROY JORDAN, ET AL V. THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE USDC, SDTX NO. 4:12-cv-01296	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION

## **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), Michael Connelly and, if applicable,

  Plaintiff's Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_\_, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this Short Form Complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

4.	[Fill in if applicable] P	laintiff is filing this case ir	a representative capacity
as the	of	, having bee	en duly appointed as the
	By the	Court of	(Cross out
Sentence be	low if not applicable.)	Copies of the Letters of	of Administration/Letters
Testamentary	y for a wrongful death cl	aim are annexed hereto if	such Letters are required
for the comr	mencement of such a cla	im by the Probate, Surro	gate or other appropriate
court of the j	urisdiction of the deceder	nt.	
5.	Plaintiff, Michae	l Connelly	is a resident and
citizen of	Dallas, TX	and claims damage	es as set forth below.
6.	[Fill in if applicable] Pl	laintiff's spouse,	, is a
resident and	citizen of	and claims damage	es as a result of loss of
consortium p	roximately caused by the	harm suffered by her Plain	ntiff husband/decedent.
7.	On information and be	lief, the Plaintiff (or deced	dent) sustained repetitive,
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- On information and belief, the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, Plaintiff suffers (or decedent suffered) from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, the Plaintiff's (or decedent's) symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in the <u>USDC</u>, <u>Southern District of Texas</u>, <u>Houston Division</u>. If the case is

remanded, it should be remanded to the <u>USDC</u>, <u>Southern District of Texas</u>, <u>Houston Division</u>.

9.	Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:
	✓ Injury to Herself/Himself;
	Injury to the Person Represented;
	Wrongful Death;
	Survivorship Action;
	✓ Economic Loss;
	Loss of Services;
	Loss of Consortium.
10.	[Fill in if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband,
	, Plaintiff's Spouse,, suffers from a
loss of conso	tium, including the following injuries:
	loss of marital services;
	loss of companionship, affection or society;
	loss of support; and
	monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to
expend for th	e heath care and personal care of her husband.
. 11.	[Check if applicable] $\checkmark$ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable)
reserve(s) the	e right to object to federal jurisdiction.

## **DEFENDANTS**

- 12. Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:
  - ✓ National Football League;
  - ✓ NFL Properties, LLC;
  - ✓ Riddell, Inc.;
  - ✓ All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.);
  - ✓ Riddell Sports Group, Inc.;
  - ✓ Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.;
  - ✓ Easton-Bell Sports, LLC
  - ✓ EB Sports Corporation;
  - ✓ RBG Holdings Corporation.
- 13. [Check where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above, the claims asserted are: ✓ design defect; ✓ informational defect; \_\_manufacturing defect.
- 14. [Check if applicable] ✓ The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or decedent) played in the NFL and/or AFL.
- 15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable) \_\_the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] ✓ the American Football League ("AFL") during

for the following teams: <u>Dallas Cowboys</u>
gh Steelers
<u>CAUSES OF ACTION</u>
Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master
ve Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by
those Counts [check all that apply]:
✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL);
✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring [Against the NFL]);
Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions [Against the NFL]);
✓ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment [Against the NFL]);
✓ Count V (Fraud [Against the NFL]);
✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation [Against the NFL]);
✓ Count VII Negligence Pre-1968 Against the NFL]);
Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 [Against the NFL]);
Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 [Against the NFL]);
✓ Count X (Negligence Post-1994 [Against the NFL]);
Count XI (Loss of Consortium [Against the NFL and Riddell
Defendants]);
✓ Count XII (Negligent Hiring [Against the NFL]);
✓ Count XIII (Negligent Retention [Against the NFL]);
✓ Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect [Against the

Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect [Against the

Riddell Defendants]);

		Riddell Defendants]);
		✓ Count XVI (Failure to Warn [Against the Riddell Defendants]);
		✓ Count XVII (Negligence [Against the Riddell Defendants]);
		✓ Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment [Against
		the NFL Defendants]).
	17.	Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or
attach	]:	
		PRAYER FOR RELIEF
	Where	efore, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable), pray(s) for judgment
as fol	lows:	
	A.	An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be
		determined at trial;
	B.	For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
	C.	For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern
		this action;
	D.	For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form
		of equitable relief;
	E.	For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;

An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and

F.

G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

## **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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